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Sir:

This Reply to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002 for the above-referenced patent application. An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as follows: